

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~ 25X1ACOUNTRY Soviet Zone of GermanyREPORT NO.                     TOPIC Soviet Troops in WITTENBERG25X1  
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## 1. Tauentzien Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by Gds tank units totaling about 800 troops. An unusually large number of officers were observed in the kaserne. The headquarters of all troops in the WITTENBERG military post was said to be located in this kaserne.

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## 2. Flak Kaserne:

Occupied by Gds tank, artillery, engineer, signal and motor transport units totaling 1,200 to 1,500 troops. Two 122-mm howitzers, one rocket launcher, three 76.2 mm anti-tank guns, four 120-mm mortars and eight to ten 80-mm mortars were observed in the kaserne area.

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Numerous other heavy weapons were in the garages.

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## 3. Beseler Kaserne:

Occupied by 800 to 1,000 troops of Gds tank units. +  
Two hundred to two hundred and fifty troops receiving basic  
infantry drill, three T 34/43 tanks and four Shchuka tanks  
were observed at the kaserne yard.

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## 4. Soviet officer billets on Berlinerstrasse:

Chiefly occupied by field officers of Gds units.

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5. Materiel depot bordered by Nordendstrasse - Johannes Rungeweg -  
Arthur Schnitzlerweg - Berliner Chaussee:

One hundred to one hundred and fifty troops, some wearing ar-  
tillery insignia, most with the Gds badge, four rocket laun-  
chers, three T 34/43 tanks and numerous trucks were observed  
in the depot.

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6. Soviet county kommandatura on Mauerstrasse, corner of Juristen-  
strasse (opposite the Tauentzien Kaserne):

Eighty to a hundred troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets  
and red-bordered green epaulets.

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Comment:

Troops from the Beseler Kaserne with the following materiel  
had been entrained and left toward JUTTBURG on 23 August 1949:  
150 to 200 tank troops  
9 Shchuka tanks  
10 T 34/43 tanks  
10 SU 249 self-propelled guns

Shortly before the train departed, the troops were served meals  
from a field kitchen

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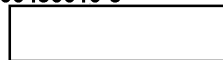
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Comment:

a. The Hq of the 6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre), is believed to be  
located in the Tauentzien Kaserne, WITTEBERG. confirmed the WITTEBERG division headquarters up to 7 September  
1949.

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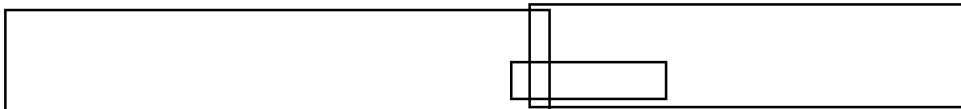
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b. It is assumed [redacted] that the [redacted] combat units held their summer maneuvers in the [redacted] area. As indicated in railroad shipping records, the units were alternately transferred to the [redacted] area, so that [redacted] on troops in the [redacted] military post usually gave the impression of fully occupied kasernes.

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